

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1, 1907.

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## Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To elect three selectmen, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, and one School Committee, all for three years; one Library Trustee for two years, to fill vacancy; also, one Library Trustee for one year, to fill vacancy. Also, to vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town—Yes or No, all on one ballot.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary minor town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept a List of Jurors nominated by the Selectmen.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1, 1907, in anticipation of the taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other committees, and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners, and act thereon.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a committee to expend the same.

ART. 10.—To choose a committee to expend the income of the Whiting Street Fund.

ART. 11.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for building and repairing sidewalks.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the building or finishing of a section of State highway the coming season.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at its last annual meeting relative to discontinuing the road leading from the residence of Louis Lobelo's to the old Scott place, so called, near High Ridge.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of an extension of the water main of our present Water System, beginning on High street at a point near the residence of John Walsh, in the village of Haydenville, and leading along said street to the residence of Thomas Moakler.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will take any action with regard to revising the by-laws.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Mrs. L. D. James' gift of twelve hundred eight dollars and thirty-eight cents, for aid in the building of the new engine house in the village of Williamsburg.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars from William F. Warren, of Brookline, Massachusetts, for the perpetual care of the family burial lot in the cemetery in Mountain street, according to the provisions of chapter 78, section 18, of the Revised Laws.

ART. 20.—To see what action the Town will take about raising a sum of money sufficient to pay for four (4) street lights to be put up, commencing at Thayer's water-fall, on the State road, so as to light said State road as far as Willis Guilford's place.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of a sidewalk on the side of the bridge near the drug store of A. G. Cone.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of school physicians.

# Town Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$1,263 18
Rec'd from Temporary Loans,	10,500 00
Taxes of 1905,	1,135 98
"    1906,	15,300 43
Income State School Fund,	995 63
"    Collins    "	650 71
"    Whiting Street Fund,	250 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	175 92
For schooling of State wards,	488 50
"    City of Boston wards,	215 50
Tuition from Town of Goshen,	26 00
High School tuition from State,	100 00
From Supt. of Schools Fund,	375 00
Teachers Fund,	250 00
Water Department,	2,035 96
State Corporation Tax,	358 34
National Bank    "	620 25
Street Railway Corporation Tax,	448 22
"    "    Excise    "	329 71
State Aid reimbursed,	649 00
Rent of Town Hall,	63 00
Emily L. Hill,	96 00
Estate of Winifred Phillips,	34 36
Compensation Inspection of Animals,	14 75
F. A. Brooks for Sidewalk,	16 07
Temporary Aid to State paupers,	13 00
Burial of Indigent Soldiers,	35 00
District Court fines,	40 00
Interest on Deposits,	38 06
"    overdue taxes,	36 43

Rec'd from Sundry licenses,	\$6 00	
Sale of Flag stones,	1 80	
“ grass,	2 00	
“ Wait place,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$36,614 80

Total receipts, \$36,614 80

Paid State Tax,	\$1,050 00	
County “	1,278 76	
Temporary Loans,	10,500 00	
Orders School Committee,	9,252 26	
“ Selectmen for support of poor,	711 90	
“ “ Repairs Highways and Bridges,	1,977 44	
Order Selectmen for Contingent Account,	1,575 47	
Order Selectmen for Street Lights,	1,234 41	
“ “ Soldiers' relief,	289 75	
“ “ Fire Department,	142 72	
“ “ Sidewalks	590 25	
for Interest,	296 63	
“ Memorial Day,	50 00	
“ Repairs State Highway	132 65	
“ Hydrants and water tanks,	800 00	
“ Int. of Water Bonds,	2,000 00	
“ Sinking Fund,	1,000 00	
“ Almoners of Whiting Street Fund,	250 00	
“ Library,	200 00	
“ State Aid,	770 00	
“ Extension of Water System,	800 00	
“ new Engine House,	650 00	
“ $\frac{1}{4}$ License Fees to State Treas.,	25	
Balance cash on hand,	1,062 31	
	<hr/>	\$36,614 80



## TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$1,062 31	
Due on taxes of 1906,	1,942 91	
“ “ State Aid account,	770 00	
“ for Inspection of Animals,	13 50	
Amount of Sinking Fund,	3,000 80	
Cash in hands of Water Commissioners,	4,672 52	
Balance liabilities over assets,	<i>3</i> 9,962 96	
	<hr/>	\$51,425 00

## LIABILITIES.

Due R. F. Burke, salary 1906,	\$125 00	
On Temporary Loans,	1,000 00	
I. F. Baker Legacy,	300 00	
Town Water Bonds,	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$51,425 00

## STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Town Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less amount of Sinking Fund,	3,000 80	
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Balance,		\$46,999 20

## INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares Northampton		
Bank stock,	\$200 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire County		
National Bank Stock,	90 00	
Dividend on 12 shares Mechanics National		
Bank stock,	48 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank		
of Northampton,	126 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank		
of Greenfield,	126 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	60 71	
	<hr/>	\$650 71
Paid School Committee,	\$650 71	



## SCHOOL ASSETS.

Appropriation, Schools,	\$4,300 00	
“ Superintendent,	375 00	
“ Text-books and Supplies,	450 00	
“ Repairs,	600 00	
“ Tuition,	250 00	
Income of Collins School Fund,	650 71	
“ Mass. “ “	995 63	
Refund of Dog Tax,	175 92	
Rec'd from City of Boston,	215 50	
“ State for schooling of State wards,	488 50	
“ Supt. of Schools Fund,	375 00	
“ Teachers Fund,	250 00	
“ State for tuition of High School pupils,	100 00	
Rec'd from Town of Goshen for tuition of High School pupils,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,252 26
Paid on orders of School Committee,	\$9,252 26	

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$252 13	
Water Department,	34 00	
Interest on I. F. Baker legacy,	10 50	
“ Town Bonds,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,296 63

## AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST

Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Received Interest on Deposits,	38 06	
“ “ overdue taxes,	36 43	
Assessed for payment of Int. on Bonds,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,324 49

## STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Paid George H. Ames,	\$60 00
Myron Ames,	72 00
Oakley N. Ames,	42 00
Agnes M. Adams,	48 00

Paid William S. Brown,	\$48 00	
Egesta S. Black,	48 00	
Willis Guilford,	48 00	
Emily Hill,	48 00	
E. J. House,	24 00	
Eliza McCaffrey,	48 00	
Mary E. Higgins,	48 00	
Lyman W. Parsons,	8 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Lyman F. Rice,	48 00	
Olive Warner,	48 00	
Mary D. Smith,	36 00	
Ann E. Courtright,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00

### TEMPORARY LOANS ACCOUNT.

1906.

April 16.	Borrowed of Haydenville		
	Savings Bank,	\$2,000 00	
June 4.	Borrowed of Haydenville		
	Savings Bank,	2,000 00	
July 1.	Borrowed of Henry W. Hill,	1,000 00	
	9. Borrowed of Haydenville		
	Savings Bank,	3,500 00	
Oct. 22.	Borrowed of Haydenville		
	Savings Bank,	2,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$10,500 00

1907.

#### Temporary Loans Paid.

Jan. 30.	Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$3,500 00	
Feb. 4.	“ “ “	2,000 00	
	12. “ “ “	2,000 00	
	12. Williamsburg Water Dept.,	1,000 00	
	20. Haydenville Savings Bank,	2,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$10,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

# Town Clerk's Report.

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## BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1906.

January	16.	Eaza Konlis. Stepliza Konlis.
February	7.	Clyde Hayman. Clinton Hayman.
	9.	Franklin Sheehan.
	20.	Lewis Herbert Black.
March	1.	Valentine Orgotsk.
	5.	Joseph Kamit.
	11.	Arthur Duplissis.
	16.	Helen Andrus.
	16.	Helen Intoz.
	18.	Beatrice May Billings.
April	17.	Margaret Elizabeth Cole.
May	15.	Mary Welch.
	20.	Bessie May Lawton.
	24.	Berneslof Maskoa.
	29.	Oscar Charles Towle.
June	10.	— Lupine.
	13.	Michael Vincent O'Brien.
	21.	Lena Aurelia Wright.
July	24.	Ralph Edward Mongin.
August	5.	George Napoleon Mayott.
	5.	Ernest Allair.
	7.	Robert F. Nash.
	27.	Wm. Larkin.

September	5.	Rose Alice Allair.
	6.	Katherine Burke.
	10.	Mabel Ruth Ducharme.
	13.	Julia Ryan.
October	3.	Mary Bocknek.
	11.	John Porter Graves.
	21.	Henry Merrill Bisbee.
	29.	Joseph Zesk.
November	10.	— Morin.
	24.	Martin George Wells.
	27.	Robert M. Heath.
December	10.	Joseph Godomiska.
	17.	Mary Quinn.
	17.	Alice Quinn.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1906.

January	22.	Joseph Covalski,	Williamsburg.
		Marianna Mruka,	Northampton.
April	26.	Percy James Thatcher,	Williamsburg.
		Edith Belle Damon,	"
June	4.	Frank C. Richards,	"
		Susan P. Townsend,	New Bedford.
	7.	Charles A. Keeler,	Chesterfield.
		Nettie E. Curtis,	"
	6.	Herbert C. Leonard,	Malden.
		Frances C. Breckenridge,	Williamsburg.
	6.	Frederick J. Bayon,	"
		Margaret A. Hogan,	Northampton.
	26.	Michael M. Dunphy,	Williamsburg.
		Catherine C. Duggan,	"
July	26.	Lindell M. Sornborger,	"
		Mary Gertrude Mullaley,	"
	27.	Eugene J. Bissaillon,	Northampton.
		Mary E. Trainor,	Williamsburg.
	9.	Lewis Haner,	Boston.
		Rosella B. Nash,	Williamsburg.
	30.	Frank Kostka,	"
		Mary Malec,	Northampton.

August	20.	John Wawrzynsky,	Williamsburg.
		Anastasia Zadorozna,	Northampton.
	27.	John Sleva,	Williamsburg.
		Katherina Jadush,	Northampton.
September	3.	Frederick La Valley,	Williamsburg.
		Clara Boisseau,	Westfield.
	4.	Almon F. Allen,	Bellows Falls, Vt.
		Minnie L. Fisher,	"
	25.	William F. Shrader,	Springfield.
		Helen E. Sylvester,	Williamsburg.
October	16.	Walter H. Church,	"
		Lena M. Geannotte,	Northampton.
	16.	Edgar J. Knox,	Blandford.
November		Jennie L. Cross,	Williamsburg.
	13.	John F. Clapp,	"
		Amelia Day,	Northampton.
	19.	Andro Nadoyadto,	Williamsburg.
		Wykta Bryl,	Northampton.
	19.	Albert Duclos,	Williamsburg.
		Celia Hebert,	Northampton.
	21.	John Oliver Belcher,	Williamsburg.
December		Karline Hutchinson,	Bradford, Vt.
	28.	Robert Lyman Rice,	Williamsburg.
		Gertrude Page,	"
	4.	Fred. C. Miller,	"
		Mary J. Beranson,	Dorchester, Mass.
	18.	James H. Loud,	Williamsburg.
		Lydia C. Trask,	"
	20.	William D. Rhoad,	Northampton.
		Jennie McGowen,	"
	24.	Maxwell L. Taylor,	"
		Mary N. Hart,	West Claremont, N. H.
	29.	Arthur Janes,	New York City.
		Laura B. Rand,	Williamsburg.

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1906.

	Date.	Name.	yrs.	m.	d.
January	25.	Thomas Foran,	27		
February	8.	Harriet P. Clapp,	71		

February	23.	Blanch May Hayman,	22	8	18
	25.	Seraphine Semanran Lampro,	64		
March	11.	Francis Loomis,	72	11	5
	18.	Algene Guilford,	71	5	22
	24.	Jane Cowing,	87	9	2
	26.	Nancy Williams Jordan,	90	3	15
April	8.	Michael V. O'Brien,	23	11	
	8.	William Lyman Parsons,	67	1	8
	16.	John Young,	19		
	19.	Chauncey Guilford,	68	6	25
	26.	Mary Elizabeth Cole,	37	11	
May	27.	Charles D. Wait,	75	2	22
	2.	Henry Woodward Warner,	48	6	
	19.	Calvin Loomer,	85	10	
June	19.	William Burns,	62	8	10
July	30.	Helen Intoz,		4	15
August	3.	Franklin Sheehan,		6	
	3.	Joseph Kamit,		5	
	5.	Emma Hosford,	72	5	
	8.	John Grace,	43	11	
	20.	Edward Handfield,	83		
	23.	Reuben G. Reece,	66	7	23
	23.	Susan Bowker Sturtevant,	85	9	3
	5.	Sarah Loomis,	74	8	
September	14.	Elijah Tyler,	90	6	20
	22.	Robert Pratt Loud,	69	7	18
	23.	Martha Macomber,	82	2	13
October	10.	(Infant) Morin.			
	11.	Elizabeth Elder Ames,	68	1	13
	13.	Edward Slattery,	22		

## DOGS.

124 males at \$2 00,	\$248 00	
3 females at \$5 00,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$263 00
Less fees,		25 40
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$237 60

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.



## Selectmen's Report.

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*To the Citizens of Williamsburg:*

Your Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending February 1st, 1907.

The expenses of the town have been kept within the appropriations with the exception of the Sidewalk account. Owing to the condition of the walks, especially in Haydensville, it was necessary to exceed the appropriation in order to put the walks in shape, so that the town would not be liable for damage.

It was voted at the last annual meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for the rebuilding of a new engine house in the village of Williamsburg.

Preparations were made by the Board of Fire Engineers to build an engine house that would come within the limit of the appropriation.

Mrs. L. D. James, desiring that the new engine house be placed in a more central position than the old one, also, that a larger and more attractive building should be erected, agreed that if the town would allow her to put up a building according to her plan and specifications, she would pay the extra expense incurred. To this proposition your Selectmen agreed. The cost of this house was eighteen hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents, making Mrs. James' gift to the town twelve hundred eight dollars and thirty-eight cents. We feel assured that this gift of Mrs. James will be thankfully accepted by the town, also greatly appreciated by the residents of Williamsburg village.



## ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION FOR 1906.

Schools,	\$4,300 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text-books and supplies,	450 00
Repairs,	600 00
Tuition,	250 00
Highways,	1,200 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingent,	800 00
Interest,	250 00
Soldiers' Relief,	225 00
Sidewalks,	400 00
Fire Department,	150 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Watering tanks and hydrants,	800 00
Street lights,	1,250 00
Library,	200 00
	<hr/> \$13,500 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

HALLOCK H. NICHOLS, SUP'T.

Paid Dwight E. Clary,	labor,	\$ 1 40
Fred Brazill,	"	24 62
John Ice,	"	53 20
H. D. Waite,	"	16 28
W. H. Warner,	labor and material,	154 24
F. A. Shumway,	" "	115 65
F. L. Guilford,	" "	101 75
J. S. Graves,	" "	63 30
G. A. Thresher,	" "	37 28
C. S. Damon,	" "	14 05
E. A. Warner,	labor,	3 85
Harry Warner,	"	29 50
Reuben Dewey,	"	6 00
Howard Smart,	"	12 00
E. P. Hemenway,	"	22 65

Paid H. H. Nichols,	labor,	\$189 51
M. N. Adams,	"	7 60
Henry Dewey,	"	1 50
Thomas Stone,	"	12 00
Thomas Dolan,	labor and wood,	24 99
P. J. Kelley,	labor,	9 40
Earl Edwards,	"	85
Roy Fahey,	"	3 00
J. F. Clapp,	labor and gravel,	22 00
William O'Brien,	labor,	58 25
Philip McGowan,	"	34 33
Harry Drake,	"	5 33
Arthur Damon,	"	1 50
C. W. Warner,	"	8 77
C. R. Damon,	sundries,	8 80
Frank Loomer,	labor,	57 31
G. M. Bradford,	"	29 00
"	"	
"	bridge plank,	270 11
"	"	
"	dynamite and lumber,	15 90
John J. Ryan,	labor,	3 67
Dennis Brazill,	"	20 99
H. H. Cranson,	"	76 92
William Dahmke,	"	19 28
Louis Vachelle,	"	15 00
Julius Vachelle,	"	11 25
John Keyes,	"	12 75
Frank Cowing,	"	22 67
R. D. Ames,	"	5 25
A. B. Cranson,	"	12 00
Emory Hill,	"	9 00
J. E. Welch,	"	20 66
William Lawler,	"	7 17
John Gezer,	"	4 50
Wesley Clark,	"	7 50
H. E. Bradford,	labor and freight,	4 50
Concord Foundry and Machine Co.,		
sewer grates,		15 60
Shumway & Riley,	akron pipe,	127 84

Paid Frank Richardson, labor,	\$7 50	
George Loomis, “	6 75	
Ralph Reynolds, “	2 40	
E. O. Black, “	17 25	
Alick Barsafkey, “	4 95	
J. J. Handfield, “	6 40	
M. D. Patteson, surveying,	4 40	
Ray Sornborger, labor,	3 00	
Adelbert Wait, “	15 90	
John Trainor, “	4 50	
John Molloy, “	4 50	
F. E. White, “	2 00	
Oscar Walker, “	9 00	
William Heath, “	3 00	
George Harris, “	1 50	
N. H. Damon, “	1 42	
E. J. House, “	80	
John O'Neil, “	5 25	
C. A. Nichols, “	75	
A. E. Lawton, “	3 00	
H. Lussier, gravel,	1 50	
Almon Everett, labor and gravel,	12 50	
Frank Wells, labor,	13 62	
W. H. Harris, “	11 83	
Thomas Culver, “	1 50	
F. E. Sanderson, “	6 25	
William Watson, “	1 50	
G. F. Dolan, “	1 50	
H. G. Hill Est., gravel,	50	
C. K. Merritt, labor,	5 00	
H. A. Bisbee, “	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,977 44

## AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAYS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	448 22	
“ “ Excise “	329 71	
	<hr/>	\$1,977 93
Appropriation recommended,	\$1,400 00	

## EXPENDITURES UNDER CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	\$3 00
J. Walter Nash, “	3 00
E. I. Clapp, printing,	4 00
F. C. Richards, Moderator,	2 50
F. E. White, Ballot Clerk,	2 50
Adelbert Bailey, “ “	2 50
F. P. Crosby, “ “	2 50
W. S. Smith, “ “	2 50
M. J. Cusick, “ “	2 50
M. E. Riley, “ “	2 50
Sanford Putnam Co., field books,	2 75
Gazette Printing Co., printing,	69 10
H. E. Bradford, Registrar,	5 00
C. A. Phillips, “	5 00
Stephen Jorgensen, “	5 00
G. P. O'Donnell, legal services,	5 00
Calvin Coolidge, “ “	3 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1 set	
Revised Laws,	6 00
Hope Engine Co., services of 15 men at	
Joe Kees' fire,	6 00
Thayer Mfg. Co., labor and stove-pipe	
for Town Hall,	13 97
George Loomis, labor running lines,	50
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks,	1 50
A. F. Graves, repairing wheel,	3 00
F. P. Crosby, wood Town Hall,	2 25
T. I. Breckenridge, coal “ “	3 65
The R. H. Smith Mfg. Co., 2 wax seals,	3 00
Adelbert Bailey, Precinct Officer A,	2 50
F. P. Crosby, “ “ “	2 50
F. E. White, “ “ “	2 50
J. D. Staab, “ “ “	2 50
F. L. Bisbee, “ “ “	2 50
M. H. Beals, “ “ “	2 50
C. A. Nichols, “ “ “	2 50

Paid A. P. Miller,	Precinct Officer A,	\$2 50
W. S. Smith,	" " B.	2 50
H. W. Warner,	" " "	2 50
H. C. Pomeroy,	" " "	2 50
T. J. Curry,	" " "	2 50
E. J. O'Brien,	" " "	2 50
M. E. Riley,	" " "	2 50
Martin Mullaley,	" " "	2 50
M. J. Cusick,	" " "	
and expenses,		3 00
W. M. Cochran & Co., Collector's bond,		12 00
H. C. Pomeroy, Tree Warden,		30 00
W. M. Purrington, Insurance,		45 00
H. H. Nichols, quarantining cattle,		3 50
H. H. Nichols, Cattle Inspector,		27 00
Larkin Bros., blankets for lock-up,		1 00
M. H. Beals, Elector,		10 00
C. S. Damon, sundries,		15 56
Lawrence Molloy, "		98
C. W. Warner, labor and material for voting booths,		8 29
H. A. Bisbee, Janitor,		34 00
" " Constable,		23 70
" " Special Police,		25 00
" " labor and material for Town Hall,		2 00
Thayer Mfg. Co., repairing pipe at watering trough,		75
S. J. Edwards, Special Police,		75 00
District Court fees,		88 87
Lawrence Molloy, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,		100 00
H. H. Nichols, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,		100 00
C. S. Damon, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,		125 00
R. F. Burke, sundry abatement, 1903, 1904, 1905 Tax,		87 85

Paid Williamsburg Fire Co., services		
Hathaway's fire,	\$6	00
Williamsburg Fire Co., services		
Polmatier's fire,	18	60
H. W. Hill, Town Clerk & Treasurer,	125	00
"    "    Registrar,	7	50
"    "    Sundries,	12	40
"    "    Recording births, deaths,		
and marriages,	29	50
"    "    Physicians for birth returns,	8	25
Emil H. Miller, School Committee,	90	00
Thomas F. Dumphy, "    "    "	60	00
Mrs. F. L. Bisbee, "    "    "	75	00
R. F. Burke, Collector, 1905,	125	00
	————	\$1,575 47

## AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$800	00
National Bank Tax,	620	25
Corporation "    "	358	34
Rent of Town Hall,	63	00
District Court fines,	40	00
Sundry licenses and articles sold,	9	80
Compensation of Inspector of Animals,	14	75
	————	\$1,906 14

Appropriation recommended,	\$800	00
and State Corporation and Bank Tax.		

## PAUPER ACCOUNT.

## EXPENDITURES.

For Mrs. Bridget Dehey,	\$165	00
Miss Saloma Warner,	149	19
Mrs. Nancy Jordan, deceased,	35	36
Mrs. Mary L. Thayer,	139	58
Mrs. Jos. Murray and family, State,	2	00
Richard M. Keating,	30	57



For Mrs. Catharine Johnson, State,	\$11 00	
Mrs. Alma Lyonnais,	8 93	
Miss Johanna Keating,	63 00	
Clifford E. Porter,	9 50	
Mrs. Frank Cowing and family,	49 77	
Mrs. John Quinn and family,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$711 90

## AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Transportation of paupers,	9 00	
Temporary support of paupers,	4 00	
Received from Mrs. Winifred Phillips' estate,	34 36	
Received from sale of Waite place,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,297 36
Appropriation recommended,	\$1,200 00	

## NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid Ernest Rood, labor,	\$18 00	
Ray Sornborger, "	28 24	
T. S. Ring, "	57 92	
Philip McGowan, "	20 00	
Rufus Miner, "	13 77	
William O'Brien, "	21 61	
George A. Thresher, "	18 40	
F. A. Brooks, cement and tile,	22 63	
C. R. Damon, sundries,	26 10	
J. J. Ball, labor and material,	423 33	
	<hr/>	\$650 00
Appropriation,	\$650 00	

## EXTENSION OF WATER SYSTEM.

Paid Camden Iron Works, for iron pipe,	\$307 21	
John W. Hill, freight on "	29 73	
Williamsburg Water Department, labor,	463 06	
	<hr/>	\$800 00
Appropriation,	\$800 00	



## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Myron Ames,	\$90 00	
Mrs. Emily Hill,	199 75	
	<hr/>	\$289 75

## AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$225 00	
Received from Mrs. Hill,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 00
Appropriation recommended,	\$225 00	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. F. Delabarre, for wiring engine house in Haydenville,	\$6 45	
Williamsburg Hose Co., 20 men,	40 00	
Haydenville Hose Co., 20 men,	40 00	
Mill River Electric Light Co., elec- tric current for Williamsburg and Haydenville engine houses,	4 77	
Combination Ladder Co., for hose couplings,	50 00	
Larkin Bros., sundries,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$142 72
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Appropriation recommended, for 1907,	\$200 00	

## SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid Luther G. Stearns, for building and repairing walks in Williams- burg,	\$271 03	
for building and repairing walks in Haydenville,	319 22	
	<hr/>	\$590 25

## AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Received from F. A. Brooks,	16 07	
	<hr/>	\$416 07

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid John Phinney, committee,		\$50 00
Appropriation,	\$50 00	

## LIST OF JURORS

Nominated by the Selectmen.

Fred. C. Miller,	Clesson W. Bradley,
Patrick J. Kelley,	Philip Mansfield,
Prescott W. Richards,	Charles L. Hyde,
Philip Moran,	Clarence D. Loomis,
Richard J. O'Niel,	Silas Snow,
Michael Shea,	James Morrissey,
E. Cyrus Miller,	George Richardson,
Thomas M. Wells,	Clarence A. Nichols,
George T. Bates,	Thomas Trainor,
Arthur Polmatier,	Charles R. Damon.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,	} Selectmen of Williamsburg.
LAWRENCE MOLLOY,	
HALLOCK H. NICHOLS,	

## ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received,	\$250 00	
Paid 50 beneficiaries, \$5.00 each,		\$250 00

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE M. CROSBY,	} Almoners.
F. A. BROOKS,	
MICHAEL E. RILEY,	

# REPORT OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS OF WILLIAMSBURG

For the Year Ending February 1, 1907.

1906.	March 1,	Balance cash on hand,	\$999 16	
	July 1,	Interest on bond,	20 00	
	10,	“ deposit,	17 50	
	Aug. 29,	Town Treasurer,	1,000 00	
1907.	Jan. 1,	Interest on bonds,	40 00	
	8,	“ deposit,	19 74	
				————— \$2,096 40

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1906.	Aug. 29,	Paid Haydenville Savings Bank for Williamsburg bond No. 49,	\$1,042 20	
		Accrued Interest,	6 55	
1907.	Feb. 20,	Paid for bond No. 48,	1,041 30	
		Accrued Interest,	5 55	
		Balance of cash,	80	
				————— \$2,096 40

## ASSETS OF SINKING FUND.

Williamsburg bonds No. 50, 49, 48,	\$3,000 00	
Cash in Haydenville Savings Bank,	80	
		————— \$3,000 80

BYRON LOOMIS,	}	Commissioners.
C. J. HILLS,		
W. M. PURRINGTON,		

# Report of Street Lighting Committee

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Appropriation for street lights,	\$1,200 00
“ “ renewals,	50 00

Which was expended as follows :

1906.	February,	\$100 00	
	March,	100 00	
	April,	100 00	
	May,	100 00	
	June,	100 00	
	July, for all-night service July 3,	6 00	
	July,	100 00	
	August,	100 00	
	September, for renewals,	27 61	
	September,	100 00	
	October,	100 00	
	November,	100 00	
	December,	100 00	
1907.	January,	80 00	
	February, for renewals,	20 80	
		<hr/>	\$1,234 41
Total amount appropriated,		\$1,250 00	
“ “ expended,		1,234 41	

Leaving a balance of	<hr/>	\$15 59
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Following is the contract made with the Mill River Electric Light Co. :

## CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTING,

1906-7.

This indenture witnesseth an agreement between the Mill River Electric Light Company, a corporation located in Williamsburg, Mass., and the Inhabitants of the Town of Williamsburg, Mass., for the lighting of the streets of Williamsburg and Haydenville as follows :

The said Mill River Electric Light Company agrees to light seventy-five incandescent lights of thirty-two candle power each, and one enclosed arc light of 1200 candle power, from dark until 12 o'clock midnight on what is commonly known as the "Moonlight schedule."

The said service shall be given and continued from April 1st, 1906, to April 1st, 1907.

In consideration of the foregoing services well and truly to be performed, the said Inhabitants agree to pay the said Company twelve hundred dollars in twelve monthly installments of one hundred dollars each.

The said Electric Light Company for the above consideration of twelve hundred dollars also agree to furnish light for four additional lamps free to the town during the contract period of 1906 and 1907.

In witness whereof the two parties to this agreement hereunto set their hands and seals this first day of April in the year nineteen hundred and six.

MILL RIVER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,

by E. F. DELABARRE, SUPT.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG,

by C. C. CONNELL, CHAIRMAN,

CHARLES A. PHILLIPS,

S. A. EWING,

C. W. FAY,

C. R. DAMON,

R. F. BURKE,

F. W. THAYER.

# Report of the Library Trustees.

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The Trustees of the Haydenville Public Library presents the eighth annual report of that institution as given below :

We have added by purchase about one hundred and fifty new volumes during the year.

The Library building has been slated and the roof otherwise repaired, at a considerable expense to the committee, and for that reason the committee has run over the appropriation.

During the rains of last year, previous to the slating, the interior of the building was much damaged. The building needs painting. We would ask for the same appropriation as last year—two hundred dollars.

THOMAS J. COOGAN, Committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand,	\$2 19	
Town's appropriation,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$202 19

## EXPENDED.

For books and magazines,	\$95 50	
Librarian and Assistants,	7 00	
Slating of roof,	83 09	
Eave spouts,	5 50	
Sundries,	11 10	
	<hr/>	\$202 19

## UNPAID BILLS.

Bridgman & Lyman,	\$2 40	
P. J. Murphy,	34 76	
R. A. Cole, for postage,	20	
	<hr/>	\$37 36



# Water Commissioners' Report.

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Balance cash on hand previous report,	\$4,143 87	
Rec'd of H. W. Hill, Treas., balance		
town loan,	1,000 00	
Rec'd of H. W. Hill, Treas., on appro-		
priation for Valley View		
extension,	492 79	
Rec'd Interest on deposit,	120 98	
"    town note,	34 00	
Water rent,	2,220 15	
Sewer connections,	121 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,132 79

Paid for repairs and maintenance,	\$ 74 15	
Labor, plumbing and material,	136 76	
Tools and sundries for use of water		
department,	85 24	
Right of way across land of Mrs.		
Azuba L. Harris,	64 00	
Right of way across land of Mrs.		
Alice E. Miller,	39 50	
Expenses and council fees in suits		
of Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Harris and		
Lewis Miller,	235 69	
Expenses in Vaughn suit,	39 90	
Rebates on water rent,	2 50	
Cost of Valley View extension,	746 57	
H. W. Hill, Treas.,	2,035 96	
Balance cash on hand,	4,672 52	
	<hr/>	\$8,132 79

A. S. HILLS,	}	Commissioners.
J. W. HILL,		
F. A. BROOKS,		





# Report of School Committee

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1907.

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*To the Citizens of Williamsburg:*

Our Annual Report is respectfully submitted for your consideration. This includes reports of Superintendent (with statistics and calendar for coming school year and program of last graduating-day exercises), report of the Music Teacher, Truant Officers and Committee Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The High Schools have been in session forty (40) weeks, all others thirty-six (36) weeks.

There were so few pupils, five (5) in number, it was not considered advisable to re-open the South Street School. The pupils were transported to the Center, as were the pupils from the North Street School during the spring term. Transportation is being paid for nine (9) pupils from Haydenville to Williamsburg High School.

Tuition will not be paid for pupils attending the Northampton High School unless a full course has been completed in the Williamsburg High School. This is in accordance with Sec. 8, Chap. 42, of Revised Laws.

What was true of last year is also true of this, that the requirements of the State Board are constantly demanding increase in outlay and improvements of buildings, text-books, etc., therefore we need more appropriation than formerly.

Some of the rooms are not properly heated. The coldest days the temperature is far below normal. This is especially true of the Haydenville Center building.

The third Primary room in this building has been condemned by the Inspector of Public Buildings because of improper light. A means of providing better light must be attended to at once. This building must also be painted. This has been deferred awaiting decision concerning the best means of making the aforesaid changes. A new building would do away with these difficulties and seems necessary.

Suitable sanitary arrangements for the Williamsburg High School must come this year.

On stormy days, or when schools are not in session, there will be school signals: two blasts once repeated at eight and eleven-thirty a. m., from Bradford's Mill and the Haydenville Brass Shop.

Much of interest concerning teachers, state children, examination of eyes and ears, agriculture, drawing, etc., are ably spoken of in the Superintendent's Report, and we recommend a careful perusal of the same.

### REPAIRS.

New floors have been laid in third Primary and Intermediate rooms at Haydenville Center and new adjustable desks and seats put in these rooms.

The Maple Street building has been shingled and slight repairs made on Purrington and Mountain Street buildings.

The Williamsburg Center building has been painted on outside, also front hall, and a new gutter has been put on front porch.

One side of South Street building has been shingled.

### PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

We have laid tile from connection of Haydenville Co.'s tenement into sewer from Haydenville Center building to the river, as said section was 4-inch, and that above being 8-inch, caused a stoppage at this point and set back into the tenement cellar.

## NEEDED REPAIRS.

Searsville building must be shingled and new stoves in this and North Street buildings.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year 1907-08 :

Teachers,	\$4,300 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text-books and Supplies,	450 00
Repairs,	600 00
Tuition,	250 00
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	\$5,975 00

EMIL H. MILLER,  
 MARTHA S. BISBEE,  
 T. F. DUMPHY,

## Superintendent's Report.

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*To the School Committee of Williamsburg:*

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN:— The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted for your consideration and approval.

During the year ending Feb. 1st, 1907, fourteen schools have been in session for the whole or a part of the usual time and twenty-two different teachers employed. It is a pleasure to say that the work has been quite satisfactory generally, and but one failure has occurred. With one or two exceptions our teachers have been good and well fitted for the positions held. It is not at all surprising that in a company of twenty-two teachers some should fail to reach the desired standard of excellence; rather, all circumstances considered, it is more surprising that we have secured so many good ones. When we speak of a good corps of instructors it is not intended to convey the impression that all are of equal ability, but that the average is good. Considerable attention has recently been given to the matter of teachers' salaries in the state and there is a general impression that they must be increased. They have been poorer paid for actual service rendered than any other profession, often receiving less than unskilled labor. The school year is short, the vacations, in which there is no income, frequent and the responsibilities great. The maximum of preparation and qualification is demanded and the minimum of wages too frequently paid. If the national legislators deem it necessary that their salaries be increased

fifty per cent. because of the increased cost of living, and workmen everywhere are receiving or demanding a raise in wages for the same reason, it would appear that those engaged in educational work are entitled to some consideration. Neighboring towns and cities are seriously affected by the loss of teachers who are attracted to other localities by offers of better pay, and contemplate a decided increase in salaries. If these same towns and cities are, under existing circumstances, able to take from us our best teachers, what will be our condition if they still further add to the inducements to engage with them? There are but two solutions of the problem: either we must meet increase with increase or be content with second-class teachers to the injury of our schools and the pupils.

Fortunately, because of the generous amount contributed by the state and our own citizens, it will probably be possible to adopt the plan of increase of pay without much additional taxation, and the fact should be emphasized again that we are extremely fortunate in having so many good resident teachers. In almost every instance the character of our schools has been kept well up to the usual good standard of efficiency and, in some particulars, especially good progress made. Where the school system is thoroughly established, as in this town, it is not expected that notable changes will be made often in it, nor are they desirable. Whatever variation may occur in the character of any particular school is largely the result of a change of instructors and the continual necessity for repeating the instructions of the superintendent and the time required for a new teacher to familiarize herself with them. An examination of the statistical table will show that there was a slight decrease in the number of pupils for the year ending Aug. 31, 1906; this occurred in the out schools chiefly, there being a little increase in the Haydenville schools during the same period.

At present the number attending the schools equals that of any year previous and will, probably, remain constant so long as business conditions are unchanged. The unfor-



fortunate school is the Haydenville High-Grammar. The teacher engaged for this school last fall was attacked with appendicitis just a few days previous to the date for the beginning of the term and it was necessary to secure another hastily and without sufficient investigation. The results were disastrous in several ways. The school, in a few weeks, was reduced to a condition bordering on chaotic almost no progress was made and a very reprehensible spirit of insubordination and indifference aroused. The resignation of the principal was received and accepted in a few weeks, and a gentleman of long and successful experience in high school work was engaged as his successor. He entered upon the labor of reconstruction with vigor and discretion, but the evil results of former conditions were so decided as not to be easily overcome. There has been an unreasoning persistence in a course of action which has led to great loss of time and effort and made the probable promotions in this room very few, but there is, at present, evident improvement, and much of the lost ground will be recovered by the end of the year.

It was with the greatest regret that the resignation of Principal Connor was received. During the years he has been with us he has proved one of the most valuable teachers ever employed in town, and by his thorough instruction and conscientious labor greatly increased the general efficiency of the High School and given it a most excellent reputation. The good character of the preparatory work done in the school is recognized by teachers in other high schools and often complimented. Mr. Royce Richardson was elected his successor and is carrying on the work well. The value of this school to our town can hardly be estimated and can be yet increased with proper accommodations and equipment. In most communities there are found a few persons who seem to be unable to discover much to praise in home industries and institutions and even appear, at times, to delight in belittling them. Ours is no exception, the teacher sometimes being called upon to meet very unpleasant conditions caused by the



injudicious criticism of the school in the presence of its pupils and unreasonable prejudice, but by far the greater number of the citizens recognize its merits and accord it loyal support.

One element in our schools which often affects them injuriously and greatly increases the labor of the teachers is the presence in them of so many state and city wards. While there are among them good children and students, yet, owing to the very nature of the circumstances which have made them dependent on the state and city, many are of such a character as to require constant effort to prevent harm to those with whom they are associated.

It appears that we are compelled to receive into our schools and among our children a considerable number from one school, really a reformatory institution, who almost invariably occasion trouble for the teachers and interfere with the discipline. Without exception the teachers dread their appearance and protest against their presence, not because they are unwilling to do just as much for them as for other pupils, but because experience has shown that it is possible to increase the difficulty of discipline, create disrespect for authority and induce general indifference to duty in an entire room by the introduction of one undesirable child. It seems evident that there is in our schools an increased spirit of moral cowardice and sneakingness which is unfitting the pupils for positions of trust and responsibility, nor is this confined to any particular nationality, it is found with those children who come from the best homes and live amidst the pleasantest surroundings. The influences of home instruction in morals, the teachings of the Sunday School and the Church seem unable to overcome this prevalence of untruthfulness and lack of manliness. It seems that this must be due largely to the introduction of the element to which reference has been made, augmented by the example and teaching of certain persons outside the schools with whom the pupils are permitted to associate.

There is need of redoubled effort on the part of teachers

and parents to overcome wrong ideas of conduct and increase respect for morality.

Several changes were made in the teaching force during the year, in the out schools, but owing to the character of the teachers employed little harm has been occasioned, and the instruction given has been uniformly good. These schools are entitled to especial consideration and should be furnished with the best instructors obtainable. The work in them is difficult because of the number of grades, the locations are not attractive to many persons, yet the pupils are among the best in town, therefore extra inducements should be offered teachers in them. They certainly are not legitimate practice ground for young and untrained teachers.

The North Street school was closed for the spring term because of the small number of children of school age in that neighborhood, and the few pupils transported to the Center. At the last session of the General Court a law was passed requiring the towns of the state to appoint school physicians who should make an annual examination of all pupils in the town to ascertain their physical condition so far as it affected their performance of school duties. It also provides that tests of eyesight and hearing shall be made by the teachers and reports of deficiencies discovered in either be sent to parents and guardians. This is a wise and beneficent law and should be strictly enforced. Owing to the practice of admitting to our schools pupils from all parts of the country and from all families without physical examination, our children are constantly exposed to possible contagion from dangerous and annoying diseases. It seems to be accepted that a condition of personal uncleanness or the presence of vermin may be considered a physical condition warranting the attention of the physician. Many a child who has been rated as dull and intellectually deficient, has failed of promotion, become discouraged and indifferent, not because nature failed to endow him with average mental powers, but because it did not give him perfect physical ones. In compliance with the law, school

physicians have been appointed in this town, and the eyesight and hearing of most of the pupils carefully tested. It has not been possible to complete the examination, but already many cases of defective vision and hearing have been discovered and parents and guardians notified. In several cases lenses have been promptly procured and the individuals greatly benefited. These tests are unavoidably more or less unsatisfactory and without doubt are sometimes deceptive, therefore wherever there seems little doubt of some noticeable defect the case should be referred to the school physician for expert examination before notices are sent to the parents, thus preventing needless expense and trouble. Every citizen having a real humane interest in the welfare of the children should urge an appropriation by the town of an amount sufficient to carry out the intention of the law. The sum required is small, and no amount withheld can compensate for the loss of one child's life or his permanent deprivation of one sense.

An attempt was made during the year to interest the teachers and children in the subject of scientific agriculture. Seeds were furnished at a fraction of actual cost, the children urged to cultivate gardens of their own, some text-books supplied for reference and blanks given out on which were to be recorded the results of observation on plant growth, effects of different soils and various fertilizers and an account of the crops secured, together with all acquired information of interest in this connection.

The results, while not entirely satisfactory, were such as to warrant a continuance of the experiment. Many of the reports are indicative of careful cultivation and thoughtful observation. Much attention is now given the subject in the state and school officers and children are urged to undertake some work along this line. The agent of the State Board of Education just appointed will have special supervision of this work. The fact is that, whatever educational men may decide as to the value of such instruction in the common schools or its relation to their curriculum, the conditions existing make it imperative. There is

a great lack of skilled labor, and the schools must turn their attention to such teaching as shall assist in the production of this. It is no longer the sole province of the common school to aid in preparation for professional and commercial pursuits, but it should recognize the truth that those who must engage in the equally honorable occupations of agriculture and manufacturing are also to be considered.

It may not be considered education—but if not, so much the worse for education it is coming.

The instruction in vocal music, under the supervision of Miss Kiley and her successor Miss Larkin, has been excellent, and the improvement made by the children satisfactory. The readiness with which even the young children perform the assigned tasks and the correctness with which they render the musical exercises is quite remarkable. It is a real pleasure to listen to the part singing in the intermediate and upper grades, and it would be helpful and encouraging to the pupils as well as entertaining to the parents if they would visit the schools at the time of the regular music drill. A more detailed report of the music teacher is appended.

The Haydenville schools have received continued teaching in drawing, with results which serve to convince your superintendent that it is of great value outside the mere ability to draw, the power of controlling and directing muscular movement; to perceive accurately and express graphically is useful in all branches of study. The subject should be taught in every school in town and could be with little difficulty.

The repairs made on several houses have served to improve their appearance and increase the comfort of those occupying them. The painting of the Williamsburg building has transformed it from an unsightly structure to one of pleasing appearance and added to the general attractiveness of the village, while the new floors and desks placed in the two rooms at Haydenville are fully appreciated by all concerned, and had long been much needed.



Much in these same directions is still needed in both outlying and village school buildings. The condition of the Haydenville house is worse than was that of the Williamsburg, and it is really a disgrace to the village as it now is. The third grade room is so decidedly unfit for school purposes that it must soon be abandoned, several parents having said that they should be compelled to take their children from school unless some way could be found to remedy the defective light. Recent tests of eyesight revealed so many cases of poor vision among the children in the building as to make it practically sure that the injuries were received in this room.

The members of the school board have formulated a plan by which sufficient light can be admitted to the room, and the appearance of the entire building greatly improved. By exercising strict economy of expenditure they have succeeded in obtaining a small surplus of school funds, and with this, supplemented with other amounts contributed, hope to do the required work if a small appropriation can be secured from the town. The sanitary accommodations at Williamsburg Centre are and have long been inadequate, and little short of a public nuisance. Better should be provided at once and can be with a reasonable outlay of money. The need of a suitable High School building is just as great as ever, and the reasons urged for its construction in the last annual report are to be considered as emphasized in this. At the annual March meeting last year a committee was appointed to investigate the matter, and their report will probably give in detail the possibilities of and obstacles in the way of the erection of such a structure. If not possible to build at present, the suggested alterations in other buildings become imperative as well as the securing of more land for play grounds.

The closing exercises of the Williamsburg High school were, as usual, excellent, and afforded a real literary and musical entertainment for as many people as were able to get into the hall. Much credit is due the teachers who had so faithfully drilled the pupils in elocution, composition

and music, as well as to those who in the rendering of their parts gave evidence of having profited by the drill. Nine members of the class of 1906 were awarded certificates, which were presented by the Rev. John Pierpont.

The members of this school also gave a public musical entertainment during the spring term, under the direction of Miss Kiley. The parts were well taken and the rendition of the cantata, "The Building of the Ship," received many compliments from good judges of music. The singing of Margaret E. Kiley and Prin. James Connor, who assisted, was especially enjoyed and appreciated.

Several teachers' meetings have been held in town at which all the teachers were present, and County conventions held in Ware and Springfield were also attended by them.

It was with much regret that all teachers and other school officers learned of the resignation of Mr. G. T. Fletcher from the position of agent of the State Board of Education, which he had held for many years, because of continued ill health. Our schools and citizens owe much to his valuable services in educational work. His untiring efforts to improve the character and efficiency of the rural schools as well as his deep personal interest in the welfare of the towns so often shown in attempts to secure to them all needed financial aid from the State are fully appreciated by all who know of them.

While it is to be regretted that certain unfortunate events have somewhat detracted from the possible value of the year's work, yet it is a pleasure to give so good a report of it as a whole. The continued exercise of the same good judgment in the selection of teachers and school management as has hitherto been manifested will insure good results in the future.

In closing this report your superintendent desires to express his appreciation of the uniform courtesy and goodwill manifested by the citizens and of the interest taken in his work, and to thank the members of the committee for the assistance and encouragement so freely given.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, Superintendent.



# CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

June 29, 1906.

Class motto, "Honor Waits at Labor's Gates."

Prayer, Rev. John Pierpont.

Salutatory and Essay, "Acorns and Mustard Seeds,"

Louise M. Aiken.

Song, "The Bees." G. and A. Zeasie, The School.

Class History, Mary T. Malley.

Essay, "The Incas," Ruby M. Thresher.

Declamation, "The General's Client,"

Raymond R. Brown.

Class Prophecy, Margaret A. Mullaly.

Song, "Girls' Chorus." Vesper Song, J. L. Roeckel.

"Prophecy on Prophet," Josephine V. Murphy.

Oration, "Government Ownership of the Coal Supply,"

Guy L. Pelton.

Class Grinds, Cathryn V. Molloy.

Class Will, Grace M. Ice.

Essay and Valedictory, "The Preservation of our Forests,"

James A. O'Neil.

Song, "Damascus Triumphal March," Michael Costa.

The School.

Presentation of Certificates, Rev. John Pierpont.

Benediction, Rev. Mr. Forrest.

## MEMBERS OF CLASS OF 1906.

Louise M. Aiken. Josephine V. Murphy.

Catherine T. Dunphy. Ruby M. Thresher.

Grace M. Ice. Raymond R. Brown.

Mary T. Malley. James A. O'Neil.

Cathryn V. Molloy. Guy L. Pelton.

Margaret A. Mullaly.

Class colors, Dark Red and White.

Principal, James F. Connor.

Assistant, Ruth Whitmore.

Teacher of Music, Mary V. Kiley.

# STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1906.

SCHOOLS.	Weeks	Pupils Attending.	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Total Days Attendance	Tardy Marks	Dismissals	Visits by Adults	State and Boston Wards
Williamsburg High,	40	43	18	25	37.34	35.60	95.31	6857.5	91	54	19	..
Intermediate,....	36	22	10	9	18.63	17.30	92.75	3117.	55	38	24	2
Primary,.....	36	47	20	21	36.18	33.14	91.51	5890.	101	19	37	3
Searsville,.....	36	13	8	3	10.25	9.69	94.52	1702.5	115	12	32	1
North Street,.....	26	10	7	3	8.46	6.96	81.09	904.5	71	38	52	1
Nash Street,.....	36	15	9	6	14.78	13.73	92.46	2443.	30	24	23	1
Mountain Street, ..	36	18	7	7	12.97	12.22	94.40	2244.5	29	12	24	..
Skinnersville,.....	36	18	10	8	17.53	16.72	95.33	2991.	71	72	22	4
Haydenville High,..	40	34	15	19	30.10	28.82	95.75	5921.5	296	78	24	..
Grammar,.....	36	45	21	24	34.35	31.62	91.88	5764.	192	118	21	3
Intermediate, ....	36	46	22	20	42.34	39.12	92.39	7031.	265	94	17	6
Third Primary, ..	36	53	31	18	44.60	41.42	92.85	7381.5	238	73	30	10
Second Primary,..	36	34	19	11	30.86	29.27	94.14	5179.5	122	35	30	10
First Primary, ...	36	44	26	17	38.79	36.54	94.27	6578.	119	..	42	13
		442	223	191	377.18	352.15	93.36	64055.5	1795	667	397	54

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907-1908.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE COMMITTEE.

1907.	M	T	W	T	F	1908.	M	T	W	T	F
Sept.		3	4	5	6	Feb.	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13		10	11	12	13	14
	16	17	18	19	20		17	18	19	20	21
	23	24	25	26	27		24	25	26	27	28
	30					Mar.	2	3	4	5	6
Oct.		1	2	3	4		9	10	11	12	13
	7	8	9	10	11		Vacation.				
	14	15	16	17	18		30	31			
	21	22	23	24	25						
	28	29	30	31		Apr.			1	2	3
Nov.					1		6	7	8	9	10
	4	5	6	7	8		13	14	15	16	17
	11	12	13	14	15			21	22	23	24
	18	19	20	21	22		27	28	29	30	
	25	26	27								
Dec.	2	3	4	5	6	May					1
	9	10	11	12	13		4	5	6	7	8
	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>		11	12	13	14	15
Holiday Recess.							18	19	20	21	22
	30	31					25	26	27	28	29
1908. Jan.			1	2	3	June.	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10		<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	13	14	15	16	17		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	20	21	22	23	24		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	27	28	29	30	31						

Bold-faced type for High School only.

Number of teachers graduated from Normal Schools,	6
Number who have attended without graduating,	3
Number of teachers graduated from College,	3
Number who have attended without graduating,	2
Number who have graduated from Academies,	2
Number who have graduated from High Schools,	4

## REPORT OF MUSIC TEACHER.

MR. E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR—My term of service as Supervisor of Music in the public schools of this town began September 1, 1906.

On assuming my duties I found both pupils and teachers equally desirous to coöperate with me in securing the best possible results. The moral support of the parents was an assured fact.

There has been a thorough review of all the fundamentals of music pertaining to the respective grades. In the theory branch of this work decided improvement has been made, as has been proved by tests given to the various grades.

Individual Sight Singing is progressing favorably in all grades.

Chorus work with particular attention to tone quality has greatly improved.

The "New Educational Music Reader" has been introduced in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. New chorus books have been purchased for the Haydenville High school. On the whole, the music equipment is very good. There is, however, need of a new piano in each of the High schools of the town.

A "Girls' Glee Club" has been organized in the Williamsburgh High school. They are doing good work.

The physical examination of the school children will be of great assistance in overcoming the many cases of defective voice, sight and hearing.

In closing, I would urge the parents of the pupils to visit the schools at the music period and become familiar with the work the children are doing.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the school faculty and the pupils for their hearty coöperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. LARKIN,

Supervisor of Music.

## REPORT OF DRAWING TEACHER.

*Mr. E. W. Goodhue, Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR:—In my report concerning drawing in your public schools, I would say that even in the short time that I have been working in them I feel sure that some good results have been obtained, though by results I do not mean just what the pupils might be able to produce upon paper, for the chief purpose of drawing in our public schools is not immediately to produce artists or draughtsmen, though incidentally it may effect that result in some cases. The teaching of drawing has for its chief end the development of power in the child. More than any other subject, drawing should tend to cultivate the power of observation and expression, and so lead the hand to skillful execution.

The pupils in your three lower grades are doing good work along the lines required of them.

In the grades above these three we are working to lead the children to think better, and to see form clearly in their minds before they begin to draw. Your teachers, as well as myself, see good results from this method. I have not, in the short time that we have been at work, attempted to get all grades up to ultimately expected standards, as it is much better to go slowly and master a few principles at a time.

I have sent a few sheets of your school work to Worcester, for the Monthly Prize Contest participated in by the public schools all over the United States, to which thousands of drawings are sent each month. One of your pupils was awarded a special prize for "notable excellence" of work, and "honorable mention" was given another, so I think we are working along right lines.

Your teachers have been thoroughly coöperative, and that is of utmost importance.

Quite a little outlay had to be made at the beginning of the year for materials, but now we have enough on hand to last a long time.

Very truly yours,

HELENA C. EVANS.

Easthampton, Feb. 8, 1907.



## TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORTS.

*To the Honorable School Committee :*

GENTLEMEN:—I submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1907.

Whole number of truants reported,	15
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Number families visited,	15
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“      truants sent to school,	15
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Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL J. EDWARDS,

Truant Officer, Haydenville.

*To the Honorable School Committee :*

GENTLEMEN:—I submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1907.

Number of truants warned,	10
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“      “      sent to school,	10
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“      families warned,	4
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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. BISBEE,

Truant Officer, Williamsburg.

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., Feb. 21, 1907.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,	}	Auditors.
J. WALTER NASH,		



# Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending February 1, 1907.

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## RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous school year,		\$630 91
Town Appropriation, for Schools,	\$4,300 00	
Superintendent,	375 00	
Text Books and Supplies,	450 00	
Repairs,	600 00	
Tuition,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,975 00
Rec'd from Goshen, tuition,	\$ 26 00	
Boston, for City Wards,	215 50	
State, for State Wards,	488 50	
State, Superintendent's Fund,	375 00	
State, Teachers' Fund,	250 00	
State, High School Tuition,	100 00	
Collins School Fund,	650 71	
State, School Fund,	995 63	
Refund of Dog Tax, County,	175 92	
Heating Village Hall, Haydenville,	13 20	
L. Molloy, for outbuildings,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,295 46
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		\$9,901 37

## EXPENDITURES.

Teaching,	\$5,394 45
Superintendent,	750 00
Tuition,	250 00

Fuel,	\$509 90	
Janitors,	408 70	
Cleaning,	51 35	
Transportation,	458 00	
Fixtures,	330 03	
Repairs,	522 16	
Permanent improvements,	56 05	
Text books and supplies,	477 10	
Sundries,	198 96	
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Deduct expenditures Hyde and Sanders acct.,		96 37
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		\$9,310 33
Balance cash on hand,		591 04
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		\$9,901 37

## ITEMIZED LIST OF EXPENDITURES.

## TEACHERS.

Williamsburg High,	J. F. Connor,	\$304 00
“	“ Royal P. Richardson,	315 00
“	“ Ruth Whitmore,	411 00
“	Grammar, Edith B. Damon,	51 00
“	“ Laura B. Rand,	85 00
“	“ Francis Donahue,	18 70
“	“ Jennie L. Nichols,	151 30
“	Primary, Annie E. Tenney,	316 00
Haydenville High,	Royal P. Richardson,	237 50
“	“ H. N. Mighill,	62 50
“	“ F. H. Dewey,	195 00
“	Grammar, Josephine G. Cahill,	352 00
“	Intermediate, Helen G. Ryan,	334 00
“	1st Primary, Lizzie Purrington,	360 00
“	2d “ Ethel Curry.	288 00
“	3d “ Elizabeth K. Utley,	318 00
“	Drawing, Helena C. Evans,	73 50

Skinnerville,	Harriet M. Partridge,	\$288 00	
Mountain Street,	Lisle T. Barrows,	128 00	
“ “	Jessie B. Woods,	152 00	
Nash Street,	Elizabeth K. Mullaley,	272 00	
Searsville,	Frances Donahue,	112 00	
“	Susie M. Lathrop,	160 00	
North Street,	Marion F. Jenks,	48 00	
“ “	Elsie F. Brown,	160 00	
Music,	Mary V. Kiley,	97 80	
“	Grace M. Larkin,	104 15	
		<hr/>	\$5,394 45

## JANITORS.

G. Frank Marks,	\$243 70	
George Blake,	2 75	
Hazel Lynch,	6 00	
Edward Loomis,	4 00	
Helen M. Warner,	14 00	
Lisle T. Barrows,	2 50	
M. H. Smart,	6 50	
Nelson H. Damon,	128 00	
Elsie F. Brown,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$408 70

## TUITION.

City of Northampton,	\$250 00
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## TRANSPORTATION.

Thomas Culver,	\$111 00	
Northampton Street Railway Co.,	125 00	
Robert Damon,	148 00	
E. P. Hemenway,	35 00	
Arthur P. Miller,	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$458 00

## FIXTURES.

Noah H. Lee,	\$8 25	
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	6 78	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins,	315 00	
	<hr/>	\$330 03

## FUEL.

C. A. L. Patch,	\$3 00	
G. M. Bradford,	9 00	
Byron Loomis,	18 00	
T. I. Breckenridge,	387 76	
E. A. Warner,	11 50	
John Ice,	11 00	
Horatio Bisbee,	10 38	
Henry Waite,	2 50	
Nelson Damon,	13 76	
Albert Lawton,	1 00	
E. H. Baldwin,	10 00	
G. A. Thresher,	17 00	
E. P. Hemenway,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$509 90

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Shumway & Riley,	\$27 50	
The Haydenville Co.,	9 46	
Howard C. Pomeroy,	3 00	
Patrick Grace,	6 12	
George Phillips,	3 85	
Jesse Parenteau,	6 12	
	<hr/>	\$56 05

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$36 39	
University Publishing Co.,	92	
Ruth Whitmore,	1 30	
Estabrook Steel Pen M'f'g Co.,	3 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	71 45	

Ginn & Co.,	\$184 55	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	71 27	
Edward E. Baab & Co.,	66 90	
G. Schirmer,	1 49	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.,	8 34	
Milton Bradley Co.,	4 80	
Forbes & Wallace,	2 50	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.,	15 68	
American Book Co.,	1 26	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$477 10

## CLEANING.

Flora A. Miller,	\$11 40	
Alice M. Richardson,	2 00	
Mrs. R. H. Dewey,	2 00	
Matthew Dolan,	3 50	
Fred. Hemenway,	1 20	
G. Frank Marks,	7 80	
Mrs. John Quinn,	13 70	
Annie Hickey,	7 50	
Henry Waite,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$51 35

## REPAIRS.

George M. Waite,	\$3 01
F. W. Warner,	6 00
The Haydenville Co.,	4 70
Metcalf & Sheehan,	10 89
P. J. Murphy,	31 71
Matthew Dolan,	2 00
R. F. Burke,	75
Nelson Damon,	2 50
A. J. Polmatier,	1 30
E. W. Goodhue,	85
J. A. Sullivan,	5 51
E. J. House,	197 61

Charles H. Church,	\$46 51
G. M. Bradford,	160 76
J. L. Hammett Co.,	4 50
Merrick Lumber Co.,	2 78
G. Frank Marks,	20 30
Thayer M'f'g Co.,	12 17
C. R. Damon,	2 56
O. W. Hill,	50
C. W. Warner,	90
Hazel Lynch,	1 25
Raymond Sornborger,	1 00
T. F. Dumphy.	2 10
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	\$522 16

## SUNDRIES.

John F. Clapp,	\$1 00
J. W. Heffernan,	3 10
Alfred E. Miller,	1 50
Citizens' Ind. Tel. Co.,	10 00
T. F. Dumphy,	5 00
Larkin Bros.,	11 80
Gazette Printing Co.,	2 50
Chicago Fire Appliance Co.,	24 00
C. R. Damon,	57
F. M. Crittenden,	1 25
Koster & Oval,	11 49
Charles H. Church,	1 50
E. W. Goodhue,	14 01
Herald Job Print,	4 50
Bridgman & Lyman,	2 00
Kingsbury Box & Printing Co.,	3 00
Mrs. F. L. Bisbee,	6 50
Masury Young & Co.,	7 50
A. McCallum & Co.,	5 53
E. P. Larkin,	5 00
Metcalf & Sheehan,	1 42
Byron Loomis,	75



P. P. Dumphy,	\$0 75	
John Pierpont,	4 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	1 92	
G. Frank Marks,	75	
C. W. Warner,	4 75	
Bisbee Bros.,	1 40	
Williamsburg Water Works,	35 00	
C. S. Damon,	1 90	
E. H. Miller,	13 07	
H. A. Bisbee,	5 00	
Samuel J. Edwards,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$198 96

## SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue, salary 1906-7,	\$750 00
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THE ELLSWORTH H. HYDE AND A. D. SANDERS  
FUNDS' ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous years,	\$228 65
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## EXPENDITURES.

Drawing Teacher,	\$73 50	
Supplies,	22 87	
	<hr/>	\$96 37

Balance on hand,	\$132 28
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EMIL H. MILLER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

February 1, 1907.



REPORTS OF  
WILLIAMSBURG  
TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending

February 1, 1908

1907

